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STATE SIFTINGS.

Ionia will enforce the curfew law.

The air is full of railroad rumors in Port Huron.

There were \$112,000 in the state treasury June 15.

A factory to make condensed milk is being built in Flint.

Olivet college has raised the price of tuition from \$45 to \$45.

Tuscola's county jail has been tenanted for more than a month.

El Bronzage, who has lived near Holly since 1838, died a few days ago.

Traverse City has an artesian well that flows 750 barrels of water a day.

Twenty dwelling houses were destroyed by fire in Saginaw the other day.

Between 2,000 and 3,000 Marches held a jubilee in Charlevoix the other day.

Charles C. Cowdry is in jail in Flint for having one wife more than the law allows.

Mrs. B. A. Buck, who with her husband was one of the first settlers in Armada, is dead.

A "woman's building" will be erected by the women of Howell, at a cost of \$15,000.

Alpena has secured a hoop factory, through the efforts of its business men's association.



Richard, Edith, and Carl Becker, the latter, the two smaller, killed by their mother on Tuesday, June 11, 1895.

The Buss Machine works in Benton Harbor, employing 110 men, has shut down.

The corner stone of Berrien county's new court house in St. Joseph will be laid July 4.

From January 1 to June 1, the A. O. U. W. of Michigan paid \$102,000 in death losses.

Eight business men of Lowell have formed a company, and will start a bank in Sault.

The postoffice at Fort Gratiot has been discontinued. All mail will go to Port Huron.

The cut worm has destroyed corn in many sections of the state, and farmers are replanting.

From May 4 to June 4, A. L. Sickels of Elsie bought and shipped over a car load of eggs a week.

Potosky voters defeated the plan to bond the city for \$40,000 to build a new school house.

The Holland old settlers' association will hold a picnic at Reed's Lake, near Grand Rapids, July 11.

Charles Pfander of Battle Creek committed suicide the other day because his crops were ruined.

Henry Phillips of Philadelphia has given six scholarships of \$200 each to the university of Michigan.

The survivors of the Old Fourth Michigan infantry held their annual reunion in Jonesville last Thursday.

The supreme court has refused to allow circuit judges expenses for work done in other circuits than their own.

Howell can secure a wagon factory doing a business of \$150,000 per annum, by putting up a \$10,000 bonus.

Quartermaster General George M. Delvin of the Michigan National Guards, died at his residence in Jackson, June 21.

Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist churches of Northville will adopt the individual communion cup.

The fraternal societies of Howell are considering the project of erecting a building to be used by all the societies jointly.

F. W. Downer, proprietor of the Downer House in Gaines, was despondent over business reverses, and committed suicide.

Rev. F. D. J. McLaughlin of St. Joseph has been fined \$100 and costs for unlawfully marrying a couple in April last.

The Abilene college students who were suspended for ducking some of their companions, have been reinstated by the faculty.

One of the largest rallies ever held in western Michigan was held by the Salvation army in Benton Harbor, a few days ago.

Willard West, a retired horseman widely known in Michigan and Illinois, died at his county residence near Bellevue, a few days ago.

Jackson will hold a special election July 8 to decide whether or not it shall issue bonds for \$50,000 to procure additional fire protection.

Banker M. A. Reed and editor A. E. Shelly of Belding caught an animal in Muskrat lake the other day, that has both fins and wings.

The graduating class of the Holland high school had for its motto, the rather hackneyed expression, "For value received we promise to pay."

Mrs. Bernetta Woodward of Coldwater will be 100 years old in August, and Branch county pioneers will gather at her home and have a reunion with her.

The total expenses of the last legislature, as computed by Auditor-General Turner, were \$123,975.72, about \$7,000 more than in 1893.

The directors of the Capac fair offer a prize of \$40 to the couple who will be married on the grounds during the fair there this fall.

Ludington will hold an election July 1, to decide whether to issue bonds to the amount of \$15,000, to take up some of the present floating indebtedness.

Ex-Superintendent W. H. Ryan has sued the school board of Utica for \$40,000 damages. Ryan claims to have been illegally deposed from his position.

The state printing office has prepared blanks, rules and other articles of red tape necessary for the paroling of convicts under the law passed by the last legislature.

Mrs. Margaret Engel of Muskegon brought suit against the estate of Dr. C. Shephard of that city for \$50,000 for malpractice. The jury awarded her \$10,000.

Benton Harbor's board of trade asks the city's common council to raise \$50,000 in bonds, and secure a three-quarter million dollar steel and blasting plant, employing 500 men.

The Calumet and Hecla mining company has the deepest perpendicular mining shaft in the world. It is down 4,500 feet, and is being pushed down about 500 feet a month.

Several intoxicated men indulged in a fight at a dance near Galien the other night. Two of the men were wounded by good recognition, and are not expected to recover.

Bruce Hulet of Armada, who for more than a year has been sick with a disease which baffled the skill of the physicians, is dead. The doctors say his trouble was due to too much bicycle riding.

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Genesee county farmers have plowed up their meadows and planted millet.

M. H. Jenks of Schwanitz gets five years in Jackson, for criminal assault.

An attempt to abolish the military department of Hillsdale college failed.

Richard Smith of Fowler fell into a well he was digging and was killed.

Walter Simmons of Dundee had a tooth pulled, blood poisoning set in and he died.

Niles enjoys the questionable honor of having had three slayings this month.

St. Johns citizens will help Mr. Steele and others re-erect the burned table factory.

Geo. G. Phelps of Jackson, stepped on a rusty nail, blood poisoning set in, and he is dead.

J. C. Bartlett, a spiritualist doctor of Grand Rapids, is under arrest charged with illegally using the mails.

One hundred men employed by the Niles Wood Boot company are on a strike for higher wages.

Bay City must pay \$5,000 to Mrs. Mary McCormick, for injuries she sustained on a defective sidewalk.

Twenty-five convicts in Jackson prison were last week transferred to the state prison in Marquette.

Wexford county farmers are greatly encouraged by the recent rains and propose to plant wheat even at this late day.

Hay is up! As high as \$20 per ton for No. 1 timothy hay has been refused in various sections of the state.

The Michigan Division Sons of Veterans has adopted a resolution requiring the national flag to be displayed in all their lodge rooms.

At the international firemen's tournament in Rome last week, the companies from Mt. Clemens and St. Clair captured all the prizes.

The State Agricultural college has received \$21,000 as its share of the money appropriated by congress to the agricultural colleges of the country.

The Saints of God in campmeeting at Grand Junction, VanBuren county, have baptized 100 converts, and claim to have wrought several cures.

Mrs. M. Bartholomew of Athens was cooking over a gasoline stove, her clothing caught fire, and she was so badly burned that she died a few hours later.

John L. Patrie has brought suit against the township of Schewaga, Ionia county, for services rendered during the small pox scare. His claim was refused by the board of supervisors.

Robert Merrill of Benton Harbor, who is an authority on peaches, says the peach crop will be a large one. He says he has removed a large peach from his trees to supply 30 orchards. This has been done to allow others to grow.

Mrs. Mary Hughton of Muskegon who has been on trial charged with poisoning her husband, has been acquitted. King, a druggist, implicated with her, was to have been tried, but since her acquittal, the case against him has been nolle prossed.

Matthew Mackinson, a printer who was looking for work, was riding on the bumper of a freight car, near Howell City, with his feet resting on the car in front of him. The cars came together so suddenly that he could not save himself, and his right leg was crushed between the bumpers.

Floesie Robinson, who lives near Mason awake in the middle of the night a few nights ago, and informed her teacher, who slept with her, that some one was pulling her hair. The teacher told her she was dreaming. In the morning it was discovered that the girl's beautiful hair had been cropped close to her head. Burglar had entered the house and failing to find valuables had stolen the hair.

Train No. 63 on the D. L. & N. road, going west Saturday night, about two miles east of Lakeview, ran over the body of a woman named Emma Black, about 30 years of age. The head was completely severed from the body and crushed to a pulp. The remains were taken to Lakeview and turned over to the coroner. An empty morphine bottle beside her would indicate suicide.

Lord Roseberry has resigned as prime minister of England, and Lord Salisbury has been appointed in his place. Lord Salisbury is a conservative, which means in England, a "people be damned" sort of an advocate—one who believes in the "divine right of kings" and aristocracy in general, and is conservative about letting go of any of the rights and privileges which they have possessed themselves of in the name of the Deity. But conservative or liberal, it is much the same in England, unless the liberal is really impressed with the idea that the people have some rights which aristocracy and wealth are bound to respect. If Arthur James Balfour had been named prime minister it would have been a step toward liberality indeed. But "conservatives", and the class whose motto is, "My rights are all I can get, and yours are only what I am forced to give you", can only be induced to go in the direction of right and justice at the point of a revolver, or when a club is held over their heads.

SOCIALISTIC TENDENCIES.

As nearly as we can learn from the press notices, President Angell's baccalaureate sermon was a discourse glorifying individual effort, self-reliance, individualism, and deprecating the tendencies of modern times toward socialism.

This is the gospel of greed pure and simple. Anarchism is, or should be, the ultimate goal of the gospel of greed, selfishness. The anarchist believes that the individual shall be under no restraint of law; that each should be a law unto himself; that the individual

is supreme and bound by no restraint from the satisfaction of his individual wants and desires.

Just in so far as society departs from the extreme individualism of anarchism, just so far is it socialistic. As governments are formed, certain rights, privileges, nets, are surrendered to the government for the good of all.

Socialism is here and bound to stay. We are going farther and farther each day, month and year from individualism, selfishness, anarchism. Each day new restraints are added for the good of all.

All progress is in the direction of socialism, and he who fights it butts his head against the engine of the train of progress. Individuals of the Angel stripe are dead weights which our engine of progress must drag along, whether they will or not. They are benighted to this extent: they serve as a sort of ballast and hindrance to a too rapid movement toward the final goal, which might be dangerous. The principle of co-operation, the trust, the combine, trades unions, popular discontent, now appear to be warring, destructive, chaotic elements, whose end is social death and decadence to barbarism. But out of this chaos order will arise. Competition must finally die, as it has its motive power in the selfish animal propensities of man. Cooperation must live and increase, since it has its motive power in the altruistic spirit, the benevolent faculties of the mind.

When the selfish propensities are all under subjection and the moral and benevolent faculties predominate in man, then will be ushered in the millennium, and not till then.

TOO DIPLOMATIC.

Editor Powers of the Cadillac News and Express takes exception to the statement of President Bowers of the Michigan woman's press association, in her annual address, that "the newspaper women of Michigan had been denied access to the Michigan press association," and says: "The latter organization has several lady members, and it has always been willing to accept as many more as desired to join. Several leading members of the Michigan press association, such as Col. Sellers, Don Henderson, S. E. Stacy, and others, have not shown the degree of appreciation which Miss Bowers may think due to her sex, but their sins of omission should not be charged to the newspaper men as a body. The latter have always embraced women in their association, and have been persistent in their desire to embrace more."

Brother Powers doubtless intended to be very diplomatic in his disclaimer, and to extend, in a way, an invitation to all the lady "newspaper men" of the state to join the state press association; but the insincerity of that awful man is plainly shown in his thin, veiled intimation that the members of the state press association had always embraced the women in their organization, and that the supply of embraces had never met the demand upon the front. Brother Powers ought to know that no disrespecting lady publisher would entertain the thought of such an indiscriminate "mixing of faces" as he suggests. There could be no "justification" for it, and it is, to say the least, "bad form."

The fact is, that Brother Powers is working off a "sour-head" on the ladies to prevent them from accepting his invitation.—State Republican.

Nearly all summer complaints are due to bad blood and unhealthy bile. Dr. Fowler's Ext. of Wild Strawberry cures by attacking the root of the trouble. It never fails.

Put an end to misery. Doan's Ointment will cure the worse case of itching. Piles there ever was, and do it almost instantly. Years of suffering relieved in a single night. Get Doan's Ointment from your dealer.

The Width of Sections.

"What width of sections shall we use for dollars and cents results?" was a question asked at a beekeepers' convention. The following replies were noted for The American Bee Journal:

Mr. Hines—I prefer 1 1/2 inch sections because they are nearer nature's way.

Mr. Bryan—I would have 1 1/2 rather than wider.

Mr. Morrill—We only get money for each pound when we ship to the commission men. This being the case, where would we gain by using narrower sections?

Frank Coverdale—I think that narrower sections will be finished up nicer by the bees, and while being built they are capped sooner because the honey ripens quicker. Then again many grocermen will give 16 cents per pound and sell them over the counter at 18 cents apiece and make a good profit.

Mr. Morrill—There is certainly one good point—that thin combs in these narrow sections will be ripened much quicker.

A second query was, "Eight or ten frame hives—what?" The convention was divided on this subject. However, rather more preferred only eight frames.

Quite Different.

Lulu—I am engaged to Henry Stocum.

Ella—So am I.

Lulu—Yes, but he wants to marry me.—Truth.

EQUINE GYMNASTICS.

A Veteran Trainer's Plan for Preparing Trotters.

The Principle Is the Same as in the Training of Athletes—Great Results in Speed and Endurance Expected.

"I have invented ways and means to introduce the horse to a series of gymnastics which will shorten the time many seconds on trotting records; and there is no reason why a well-bred horse subjected to my gymnastic exercises cannot make a mile in two minutes," said Prof. Bartholomew, the horse educator, recently to a writer for the Kansas City Journal. "Wonderful advancement has been made in breeding and training horses during the past forty years, but with scientific gymnastics added to a horse's training it is sure to cause yet greater surprises in record breaking. The human body has been wonderfully developed by gymnastic exercises, as everyone knows, and had this idea of gymnastics been introduced in the training of horses years ago," Prof. Bartholomew continued, "great advancement would have been made along the lines of speed and endurance."

"A horse can trot a quarter of a mile now in thirty seconds, and it stands to reason that if a horse can make a record of a quarter of a mile in thirty seconds, and it has been done, he can be put in condition to go a mile at the same rate of speed. Crack drivers have failed to put their horses in the proper condition so far, and it is doubtful if the present system of training trotting horses will ever bring about a two-minute record or less. Some will ask: How can a horse work in gymnastics? But if the principle had been grasped by horsemen years ago it would have undoubtedly been put in use. I have the principle, without mistake, and winter is the time to do the work. In winter horses, as a rule, are losing speed instead of gaining."

"The exercise I submit a horse to will result in activity and long reach and will cause running horses to make better records, as well as to produce more speed in trotters. I refuse to tell how these results can be brought about, simply for the reason that some man would undertake to practice my theory without judgment and knowledge of application, and he would fail to produce the desired result. The public would condemn the principle, which I have demonstrated to my own satisfaction. I have never undertaken to prove my theory to the trotting fraternity, but the theory can be demonstrated in the course of a series of gymnastic trainings, say in four or five months. With horse gymnastics the fleetest horse can improve as much as the slower ones that undergo the same drill. Every muscle and fiber of the horse is brought into play until, in prize ring parlance, he is in the pink of condition. A prize fighter, while in training for the ring, has his skin, scalp and bones hardened until he is turned into the ring a perfect man, physically. Every muscle has been exercised with a view to endurance. He has punched the bag, taken long runs to test his wind and reduce flesh. In short, the condition of the prize fighter is brought about by gymnastics. The same thing can be done with a horse, but the exercise on a race track won't do it. The animal must have gymnastics and be brought to the 'pink of condition' before he can break the record. He must be taught to walk on his hind legs, to strengthen the muscles of the back. He must be taught to lie down, roll over, reach out and gather quickly. In short, he must be put through a scientific course of gymnastics until every muscle shall be brought into play, toughened and strengthened. To do this he must be a trick horse, after being trained in gymnastics. Great results will follow in the way of speed and endurance."

Prof. Bartholomew is a veteran horse trainer, and has enjoyed a national reputation for years as such. He has ruddy face, deep-set blue eyes and wears his iron-gray hair brushed back from his forehead. He resides at Independence and owns one of the handsomest residences in that suburban city. He formerly owned the greatest walking horse in the world. The animal could cover a mile in a square heel-and-toe walk in ten minutes, and go the gait, day in and day out, at the rate of six miles an hour. The professor disposed of the animal in California some years ago.

A College for Monkeys.

The Garner idea of monkey language and general humanlike intelligence is to be given a thorough test at Calcutta. At that place a college for the cultivation of the higher senses of precocious monkeys has been established, and some wonderful results are confidently anticipated. "The school" is the result of an agitation on the part of some very advanced evolutionists and naturalists, who know enough concerning the monkey's characteristics to firmly believe that he can be taught to "talk" in a way, enough, at least, to express wants. The method to be employed is known by the name of the "letter-block" system. A block alphabet in which the letters are all highly colored is arranged before the monkey student. With these he will be taught to arrange some simple word, such as "pie," and as soon as the word is completed he will be given a piece of pie as a prize. The promoters of the scheme are confident of success.

Eyes of the Negro.

A recent examination of 430 white and 430 colored minor school children of Washington, by Dr. Bell, gave these results: Normal acuteness of vision, white 74 per cent., colored 90 per cent.; myopia, white 16 per cent., colored 6 per cent.; astigmatism of all degrees, white 35 per cent., colored 10 per cent.; diseased eyes, white 10 per cent., colored 4 per cent.; choroidal atrophy, white 9 per cent., colored 1 per cent.

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Do you know what it is to have a back that is never free from aches and constant pain, a lame back, a sore back, an aching back, in fact, a back that makes your life a burden? What have you done for it? And does it still keep you from the happiness that perfect health brings to all? We know full well if such is your condition a cure for it will be a blessing you no doubt desire. Plasters won't do it, but may assist in bringing strength. Liniment won't do it; for, while it may give temporary relief, it does not reach the cause. The cause, there's the point; there's where to make the attack. Most backaches come from disordered kidneys, therefore, you must correct their action if you would be cured. Read the following from D. D. Cook, whose address is No. 18 Michigan Street, Grand Rapids. He says:—

"I have used Doan's Kidney Pills and wish to say it is a truly great medicine. Thirty years ago I had nervous prostration while in the army, where I served for over four years. I think it was during this service that the seeds were sown which have caused all my trouble. Severe bilious attacks bothered me, and at such times my kidneys were worse. It is almost impossible to describe the pain which, so often lamed me. I have been so lame that to stand up after I had been sitting down required a great exertion. Walking was at times an impossibility, even at night I did not rest, being forced to get up during the night. I heard of Doan's Kidney Pills and wondered if they could make an almost lame man well. I got some, and soon after taking them began to feel their good effects. I used them for some time, my lameness all left me and I have not felt it since. Doan's Kidney Pills have done me an inestimable amount of good."

For sale by all dealers, price 75 cents. Mailed by Foster-McBride Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name, Doan's, and take no other.

H. PLAYED HOST.

And Then Left His Invited Guests to Settle for the Feast.

Robert Bruce was a famous tramp printer. In Illinois he came across a farmhouse one bright summer's Sunday just about dinner time and, although him that it would be a capital idea to ask for some thing to eat, the smoke from the kitchen stove indicated to him that a substantial farmer's Sunday dinner was even then done to a turn. Approaching the house in his own inimitable way, he knocked, but received not the expected "come in" reply. Going around to the kitchen, Bruce discovered the house to be wide open and not a soul in sight. He quickly surmised that the good people had left dinner to cook their own, while they were attending church, a short distance away, intending to come back in due time to do the pork and beans and potatoes ample justice.

Bruce walked boldly into the house, set the table, dished up the to him, extremely tempting viands and sat down to eat. Scarcely had he begun to appease his hunger when two tramps came along, knocked at the door and asked for something to eat. Bruce greeted them kindly and invited them to come right in and have something with him. Astonished and delighted, the two men walked in, and then the three, without taking time to say much, ate of the farmer's good things until nature admonished them to desist.

All this time Bruce's ingenious brain had been planning how to get out of what he considered impending trouble when the farmer and his good wife returned. Tipping his chair back in true farmer fashion, he in the most unobtrusive manner said: "Gentlemen, you must now excuse me for a few minutes, as I have a very sick colic back here in the barnyard requiring a little immediate attention. Here are some good old fashioned pumpkin pies and a pitcher of milk, to which you are welcome. Enjoy yourselves until my return."

Going around the barn, Bruce sought a little hill about 200 yards away, commanding a good view of the house, where he concealed himself to await developments. No sooner had he snugly ensconced himself in the little clump of alder bushes than he saw the farmer and his family, including two strapping big boys, approach the house, whereupon there was a perfect example of Bellerophon broke loose, for the farmer and his boys gave the two tramps a most unmerciful beating, while Bruce enjoyed the fun.—Milwaukee Journal.



Chronic Nervousness

Could Not Sleep, Nervous Headaches.

Gentlemen:—I have been taking your Restorative Nerve for the past three months and I cannot say enough in its praise. It has

Saved My Life.

for I had almost given up hope of ever being well again. I was a chronic sufferer from nervousness and could not sleep. I was also troubled with nervous headaches, and had tried doctors in vain, until I used your Nerve.

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